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TITLE: System and method for determining charges for usage of a network connection

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ART-UNIT: 2761

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ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Altera Law Group, LLC

ABSTRACT:

A system and method for determining charges for use of network service connections. The network includes nodes which facilitate the transfer of information between source and destination locations. When a connection is established with a node, a billing cell is transmitted to the node over the connection which contains billing and connection information. Data cells are transmitted over the same connection subsequent to the billing cell. A terminate billing cell or conventional means may be used to drop the connection when the connection is no longer needed. The node computes the cost of using the connection based on the billing and connection information copied from the billing cell, and may also consider the connection time and the amount of data transferred over the connection. Upon establishing a

subsequent connection with another node, the previous node transmits the billing cell to the new node which copies the billing cell content and, after receiving the data cells over the new connection, performs similar connection usage computations. This process is repeated by each of the nodes involved in the transfer of information between the source and destination. The nodes transmit their respective charging information to a network billing system which generates a final bill that is forwarded to the user. The billing cell may be transmitted from the destination back to the source to verify proper operation of the billing procedure. Fixed rate and variable rate billing schemes may be implemented and augmented as needed by each network operator.

29 Claims, 22 Drawing figures

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Oct 4, 1988

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TITLE: Communication services method and apparatus

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ART-UNIT: 261

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Schreyer; Stafford D.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Godlewski; Richard J.

ABSTRACT:

Apparatus and method are disclosed for providing a non-presubscription subaccount billing service utilized by customers on a "per call" or "as needed" basis. A calling customer initiates the service by dialing "0" plus the directory number of the called line. The local office serving the calling line recognizes the call as an operator-designated call and forwards the call along with the identification number of the calling line and the directory number of the called line to an operator system. The operator system prompts the calling line to enter additional call information. The calling customer enters a service activation code such as "15" and a two-digit subaccount billing number assigned by the customer. Receiving the service activation code and the subaccount billing number, the operator system activates the service by setting a subaccount billing indicator in an automatic message accounting record and extends the call to the called line. Upon completion of the call, the operator system includes the connect time, elapsed time, calling line identification number, called line directory number, and subaccount billing number for the call into the AMA record. The record along with others is forwarded to a revenue accounting office where a billing system sorts the AMA records by subaccount billing numbers and prepares a billing statement with the details of each call listed for each subaccount billing number assigned by the customer.

29 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Mixed enclave operation in a computer network

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Application 09/925079 is a continuation-of US application 09/127280, filed July 31, 1998, US Patent No. 6272538
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REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 1

ABSTRACT:

A method is disclosed for mixed enclave operation of a computer network with users employing a multi-level network security interface and users without any network security interface. Either the network security user selects or the network security interface automatically selects whether communications are permissible with other unsecured users. Where a mixed enclave operation is selected, the network security user identifies when communications are being undertaken with another secured user or a non-secured user. Communications with a non-secured user at a lower security level entail securing the data residing with the secured user from transmission back to the non-secured user.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Ser. No. 08/688,524 to Holden et al., entitled MIXED ENCLAVE OPERATION IN A COMPUTER NETWORK WITH MULTI-LEVEL NETWORK SECURITY, filed Jul. 30, 1996; and related to U.S. Pat. No. 5,577,209, entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING MULTI-LEVEL SECURITY FOR COMMUNICATION AMONG COMPUTERS AND TERMINALS ON A NETWORK, issued to Boyle et al, Nov. 19, 1996.

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US-PAT-NO: 5953389

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5953389 A

TITLE: Combination system for provisioning and maintaining telephone network facilities in a public switched telephone network

DATE-ISSUED: September 14, 1999

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APPL-NO: 08/ 803113 [\[PALM\]](#)

DATE FILED: February 20, 1997

PARENT-CASE:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application is a continuation-in-part application of application Ser. No. 08/376,201, filed Jan. 20, 1995 now U.S. Pat. No. 5,491,742, application Ser. No. 08/152,360, filed Nov. 16, 1993 now U.S. Pat. No. 5,416,833, application Ser. No. 08/467,646, filed Jun. 6, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,644,619, application Ser. No. 08/506,655, filed Jul. 25, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,790,633, application Ser. No. 08/551,622, filed Nov. 1, 1995, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,687,212, and application Ser. No. 08/757,682, filed Nov. 29, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,790,634 all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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ART-UNIT: 273

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ABSTRACT:

In an administration system for a public switched telephone network, a method of provisioning and maintaining the working status of customer network facilities is provided. The method includes the steps of receiving a service request from a customer at a living unit requesting service, and determining whether the service request from the living unit is eligible for processing by the adjunct processor. When the service request is eligible, the method automatically provisions customer equipment to execute the service request based upon information including customer identification data and customer facilities. The information is generally maintained without altering the customer facilities when a subsequent disconnect request is received from the customer. The method also includes one or more of receiving a customer request, retrieving related customer profile information, obtaining a description of the customer trouble and entering a trouble type associated therewith, building a trouble report, testing the communication line and generating test results. The method also includes the steps of grouping related open work requests and proactively determined troubles with the trouble report based on grouping rules, and building a work load for a technician.

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Sep 14, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5953389 A

TITLE: Combination system for provisioning and maintaining telephone network facilities in a public switched telephone network

Detailed Description Text (68):

The Field Technician determines any related trouble reports stored in Dispatch. The Field Technician or the Caseworker closes out the Trouble Report by entering the trouble found, work done and cause descriptions at P5a. The Disposition and Cause Codes are automatically generated based on the trouble found and cause descriptions entered by the Technician/Caseworker at P5b. The system clock automatically records the date and time of the trouble clearance. If applicable, Time and Material charges are generated automatically based on the "hours spent" and "materials used" entries made by the Field Technician at P5c. This close process is continued until all related trouble reports are closed as well.

Detailed Description Text (69):

Information recorded by the Caseworker or the Field Technician is automatically sent to other systems as needed. Time and Materials charges are sent to the Billing Function. Field Technician and Caseworker time and associated codes are forwarded to Payroll. Closed Trouble Report information including Disposition and Cause Codes, may also be forwarded to the Service Analysis System and other related operating systems.

Detailed Description Text (93):

FIG. 26 is a block diagram of a proactive service management process. In FIG. 26, Caseworker 308 is used for coordinating trouble reports received from MLT 314 (via standard interface Gateway 348) or Service Analysis system 346 via the reactive or proactive architectures. Depending on the trouble type, class of service and test results, the information collected by Caseworker 308 may lead to different resolutions of the trouble as discussed previously. In accordance with this management architecture, Caseworker 308 advantageously is able to access the different systems and related databases in the facility assignment system, such as SOP 106, SOAC 110, LFACS 112 and RTS 136. Caseworker 308 also has access to Billing Order Support System (BOSS) 354 used by Residence and Business Service Centers to assist service representatives with billing inquiries and services. BOSS provides, for example: 1) current monthly bill; 2) previous bill; 3) payments; 4) audit trail of account history (i.e., payment arrangements, discussions regarding service, record of contacts).

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PARENT-CASE:

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ART-UNIT: 271

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ABSTRACT:

A system and method for processing telephone calls and providing enhanced services is presented. The call processing system includes a network control processor for controlling the processing and routing of the calls and for providing enhanced features, and a matrix switch for routing calls from an originating location to a terminating location. Operator consoles can be included to provide operator assistance to the caller. The network control processor comprises a central message processor that receives call data, determines the type of call, determines the processing required, and determines whether operator assistance is required. A call route distributor allocates an operator console to the call if required. A billing server is used to track billing information for the call while it is in progress. A database server is provided for database look-ups and storage. The call processing system also includes a validation system, a billing system, a distribution system, and a fraud detection and prevention system. The validation system is used to validate call information to determine whether the call can be placed. The billing system determines rates for calls and calculates the cost of completed calls. The distribution system distributes changes that are made to a master database to the appropriate slave database. The fraud detection and prevention system monitors originating and in-process calls to detect and possibly prevent possible fraudulent uses of phone services and systems. A client interface is provided to facilitate communications among applications and DEF records are used to define specific call processing actions.

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TITLE: System and method for maintaining redundant databases

Brief Summary Text (57):

When a call is received by the call processing system for routing, a billing information record (BIR) is generated for the call. Among other information, the BIR is updated with timing information such as when the call is completed to a VRU or to an operator console or when it is terminated. When the call is completed, the BIR is sent to the billing system so the cost of the call can be calculated. The billing system uses the time information to compute wholesale and retail call durations. The billing system uses other information contained in or derived from the BIR such as time of day and distance of the call to retrieve a rate for the call. The billing system calculates a cost for the call (wholesale and/or retail) using the appropriate rate and the call duration. If required, a tax for the call is computed and added to the cost of the call. The cost information is stored in a toll file from which bills can be generated and sent to the appropriate subscriber.

Detailed Description Text (212):

In the case where the communications protocols used by matrix switch AB106 and NCP AB104 are different, a host gateway BA110 is used to provide the necessary protocol conversions. In this case, host gateway BA110 constructs a SWITCH COMMAND MESSAGE BA316. In keeping with the current example, SWITCH COMMAND MESSAGE BA316 in one embodiment is an SS7 IAM, and call SETUP MESSAGE #2 BA314 is one or more LAN packets containing the SS7 instructions for switch. Thus, host gateway BA110 constructs and sends SWITCH COMMAND MESSAGE BA316 to matrix switch AB106. This occurs in a step BA216. SWITCH COMMAND MESSAGE BA316 commands matrix switch AB106 to connect the call audio AA142 portion of the call to the operator console AB108 assigned by CRD BA106 in steps BA210 and BA212.

Detailed Description Text (888):

The billing number for each call is used by the fraud system PB102 to identify the call. This data is provided to a billing number usage file module PA112 (BNUFILE). PA112 creates a BNU record for each billed number. A representative BNU record for an ANI showing the data field is found in Fraud FIG. 179. It includes, for example, the billing number, the billing method, current uses, and a list of the last 'N' attempts of calls (including time, ANI, call information, and the like). If a billed number is not used for a particular time period, such as between 30 and 45 days, the billed number is deleted from the system so as to reallocate storage space in the database file PA138. Database file PA138 receives the data from a data via PA136. This database uses a billed number search strategy.

Detailed Description Text (959):

If the number 'A' of calls that have occurred within the time period 'Y' is less than the threshold value 'Z' provided by step PR102 for the particular billing number, then this fraud scenario determines that the high usage condition has not occurred, as indicated by the NO flow line PR108. The fraud scenario then updates

the BNU record file PO450 to indicate this completed call. This is indicated by DONE block PR110.

Detailed Description Text (1252):

In a step YC218, calling time is calculated based on rating information associated with the card. If the card is flat-rated, the remaining time is calculated against the remaining dollar balance on the card. If the card rates are based on call distance and/or time of day the system obtains a rate quote from Billing System AG102 as discussed above in the Billing System Section of this document, and calculates the remaining time. Debit card features can be customized for each carrier AA110 or for each individual user AA106A. The customization can be down to the card level. Debit card calling can be based on a flat rate or based on mileage and/or time of day in increments specified by subscriber AA114. The customization can be based on call parameters BA308 and/or the manner in which DEF records are implemented for each originating user AA106A or customer AA110. DEF records are completely described in the DEF Section of this document.

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ABSTRACT:

A system and method for monitoring remote computer access and associated costs is provided. The system includes a remotely located communication server in communication with multiple host computer networks and in communication with a network access server. First and second memory devices contain a list of authorized users for the host computer networks and a user log for use by a billing computer to generate bills. The method includes the steps of creating starting and ending time stamps for each authorized user accessing a respective one of the multiple host computer networks and creating a user log to generate bills and monitor host computer network usage.

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ABSTRACT:

A system and method provides protocol independent communication between mobile electronic devices. Multiple users may communicate using different applications running on different mobile electronic devices with different end-to-end protocols. A multimedia controller in connection with control agents provides the information to establish communications between mobile electronic devices having applications with incompatible communication protocols. A session and routing controller controls communication sessions and a Web hyperlink dictionary provides information regarding the location of the multimedia controller and control agents.

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L4 L3 and (remote\$ with computer\$) 156 L4
L3 L2 and ((unrelat\$ or different) near2 (relat\$ or host\$)) 354 L3
L2 computer\$ and ((record\$ or log\$) same ((bill\$ or charg\$) with (time or duration or 8942 L2
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